

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Criminal Action No.  
24-00116-01-CR-W-DGK

LEONARD J. HIGGINS,

Defendant.

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**MEMORANDUM OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AND  
ACTION TAKEN AT PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

The following matters were discussed and action taken during the pretrial conference:

**PENDING CHARGE:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8)

**TRIAL COUNSEL:**

Government: Robert Smith

Case Agent: Detective Gary Davis, Platte County, Missouri Sheriff's Office

Defense: Ronna Holloman-Hughes and Paralegal Cachte Williams

**OUTSTANDING MOTIONS:** None

**ANTICIPATED MOTIONS:** Defense will be requesting a bench trial, the Government does not oppose the request

**TRIAL WITNESSES:**

Government: 2-3 with stipulations; 5-7 without stipulations

Defense: 1 witness including Defendant who(  ) will  
(  ) may  
(  ) will not testify

**TRIAL EXHIBITS:**

Government: 20 exhibits

Defense: 5 exhibits

**DEFENSES:**

(  ) defense of general denial  
(  ) defenses of general denial and \_\_\_\_\_

**POSSIBLE DISPOSITION:**

(  ) Definitely for trial (  ) Possibly for trial  
(  ) Motion to continue to be filed (  ) Likely a plea will be worked out

**TRIAL TIME: 2.5 days for jury trial; 1 day for bench trial**

Government's case including jury selection: 2 days; for bench trial: 1 day  
Defense case: .5 day for jury trial; 1 hour for bench trial

**STIPULATIONS:** Will be discussed between the parties, including prior felony conviction and the interstate nexus of the firearm

**UNUSUAL QUESTIONS OF LAW:** None

**FILING DEADLINES:**

**Witness and Exhibit Lists:**

Government: January 27, 2025  
Defense: January 27, 2025

**Counsel are requested to list witnesses in alphabetical order on their witness list.**

**Exhibit Index, Voir Dire, Jury Instructions:** January 27, 2025  
**Jury instructions must comply with Local Rule 51.1**

**Motions in Limine:** January 27, 2025

**TRIAL SETTING:** Criminal jury trial docket commencing February 10, 2025.

**Please note:** Government counsel has an immovable conflict during the second week of the February trial docket and therefore requests a setting the first week of the February trial docket. Defense counsel has no conflicts.

**OTHER:**

- ( ) A \_\_\_\_\_ -speaking interpreter is required.  
( ) Other assistive devices: \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Jill A. Morris  
JILL A. MORRIS  
United States Magistrate Judge